

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

21st of March 1937.

Wednesday, the _____

5th of Meenam 1109.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with C. G. Herbert Esq., I. C. S., the Diwan President, in the Chair. Messrs. K. G. Nayar, T. K. Nayar, A. I. Mani, K. Mohamed Seethi, I. N. Menon, P. W. Parameswaran Nambudiri, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, P. V. Subramania Ayyar and Thomas Manjuran were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Prices of paddy, cocoanut, etc.

306. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) the prices of paddy, cocoanut, arecanut and pepper at each Taluk Head quarters at the end of each quarter in 1933 ;

(b) the price of the above produces in the rural parts in each Taluk at the aforesaid times ;

(c) whether the prices at the Taluk Head quarters of the above produces were not a little higher than the prices in the village parts of the Taluks ;

(d) what percentage will be the difference on an average between the prices of the above produces in Taluk quarters and village parts in the Taluks ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) and (b) Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I*).

(c) Yes ; in the majority of cases.

(d) Please see statement appended (*Appendix I*).

Vernacularisation of teaching of non-language subjects.

307. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform—

(a) whether vernacularisation of teaching of non-language subjects in Upper Secondary Department was once adopted or experimented in the Girls' High School, Kunnankulam ;

(b) what opinion was expressed by the Headmistress about this system or experiment ;

(c) whether vernacularisation of teaching of non-language subjects in Upper Secondary Department is now being followed in the above school ; and if not,

(d) what is the reason for discontinuing it?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(a) Pupils are generally found poor in English.

(b) No.

(c) Vide answer to (b).

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether it was the only reason for continuing this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If such reasons are found to be prevailing in other schools also, will the Government consider the question of continuing the system there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government will consider the question once again.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government have received from the Headmaster of the Boys' High School, Kunnampulam, that the standard of the pupils in English has become very low on account of this system being adopted there?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—On the contrary, are they found strong in Malayalam on account of this change?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think.

Special treatment to Backward Communities in the matter of promotions.

308. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are not the Government aware of the fact that in giving promotions in Government service, the Madras Government are meting out special treatment to qualified candidates of the Backward and Depressed Communities;

(b) are there not instances of such preferential treatment in the appointments and promotions made by the Cochin Government;

(c) what was the pay of the present permanent Excise Circle Inspector, Southern Division, before he was selected for the post and were there not seniors to him in service who could have been benefitted if they were selected for the same; and if so, why was he preferred?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) The Darbar has not enquired.

(b) Yes, as regards appointments.

(c) Rs. 68 in the 60—80 grade. Applications were invited and the appointments was made by selection.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—With regard to sub-division (c), was the appointment of the present Circle Inspector made because he was the seniormost man among the candidates?